All nomination papers comprising a petition shall be assembled and filed with the town clerk as one instrument, not earlier than sixty days nor later than fifteen days before the election. The town clerk shall make a record of the exact time at which each petition is filed and shall take and preserve the name and address of the person by whom it is filed. Within three days after the filing of a nomination petition the town clerk shall notify the candidate and the person who filed such petition whether or not it is found to be signed by the required number of qualified electors. If a petition is found insufficient, the town clerk shall return it immediately to the person who filed it with a statement certifying wherein the petition is found insufficient. Within the regular time allowed for the filing of petitions such a petition may be amended and filed again as a new petition or a different petition may be filed for the same candidate. Any eligible person placed in nomination as hereinbefore provided shall have his name printed on the ballots if within three days after notification to him by the town clerk he shall have filed with the town clerk a written acceptance of the nomination in the following form:

Acceptance of Nomination

I hereby accept the nomination for Councilman and agree to serve if elected.

Sec. 22 Ballots. The full name of candidates nominated for the Council in accordance with the provisions of this charter, except such as may have withdrawn, died or become ineligible, shall be printed on the official ballots in the alphabetical order of their surnames without any party designation.

Sec. 23. Election of Council. All Councilmen shall be elected at large. Every voter shall be entitled to vote for five candidates. All candidates, up to five, who receive votes numbering a majority of all electors voting at the electionshall be declared elected. If five Councilmen are not thus elected, a second election shall be held to fill the vacancies remaining, on the Tuesday following the first election. In the second election there shall be printed on the ballot twice as

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